

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Markus BAUR et al.

Application No.: To be assigned

Group Art Unit:

Filed: October 18, 2001

Examiner:

For: IMPROVED IMMORTALIZED  
HUMAN SKIN CELL LINES AND  
NOVEL SERUM-FREE MEDIUM  
USEFUL FOR THE PRODUCTION  
THEREOF

Attorney Docket No.: 88265-10173

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendment into the file of this application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

After the Title and before the first line of page 1, insert the following section:  
**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:**

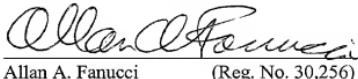
--This application is a continuation of application serial no. 09/091,483 filed June 19, 1998, which is a 371 of PCT/EP96/05812 filed December 19, 1996.--

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to applicants' parent application. No fee is believed to be due for the submission of this paper. Should any fees be required, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn deposit account no.**501-814**.

Respectfully submitted,

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